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## PARIS SAYS GERMAN DRIVE ON VERDUN HAS BEEN HALTED

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT TODAY SAYS THE SITUATION IS SATISFACTORY—BERLIN DOES NOT MENTION VERDUN.

Lull in Fighting Today Extends Along Entire Front with the German Armies Stagnant at the Inner Lines of the Verdun Defenses—Question of Declaration of War Against Germany Expected to be Considered Today by the Italian Parliament—Today is Last Day of Voluntary Enlistment in British Army, and Compulsory Measures Will be Effective Hereafter—Germany Sends Ultimatum to Portugal Demanding Restoration Within Forty-Eight Hours of German Ships Recently Seized by Portuguese Authorities, According to Reuter Dispatch from Madrid—Fierce Fighting in the Vosges Yesterday.

The German drive on Verdun has halted, according to a Paris official statement which declares that the situation is satisfactory.

A Berlin statement today does not mention Verdun.

A lull in the fighting extends today along virtually the entire front with the German armies standing at the inner lines of the Verdun defenses.

The question of a declaration of war against Germany is expected to be considered by the Italian parliament, which is re-assembling today.

Today is the last day for voluntary enlistment in Great Britain. The compulsion measures will be effective hereafter. London reports no overwhelming rush of volunteers today.

### Demands Restoration of Ships.

London, March 1.—Germany has sent an ultimatum to Portugal demanding the restoration within forty-eight hours of the German ships recently seized by that country, according to a Reuter Madrid dispatch.

### Attack Losing its Force.

London, March 1.—With the lessening of the activity of the contending forces north of Verdun, the French in the Woeyre region, east of Verdun, are using their artillery to break up German preparations for further advances toward the fortress. At various points the fire of the French guns has prevented the Germans from launching offensives.

In the Vosges mountains there also has been great artillery activity by the French near Senones and Ban de Sapt; while near Seppois the Germans have been driven out of trenches they had previously taken. In the Champagne German fortified works in the region of Hill No. 193 have been battered by the French guns and the crater of a mine exploded by the Germans was occupied by the French.

The Germans have added several additional points to their terrain in the fighting about Verdun, having been enabled to construct trenches on the slopes north of the Cote du Poivre and to capture an armored work northwest of Dommaumont and have taken the towns of Manheulles and Champton, thirteen miles south-east of Verdun.

In this drive to the east of Verdun the advance has extended over a front of virtually twelve miles—from Dieppe to Champton.

Berlin reports that thus far they have taken prisoner 228 officers, 16,575 men and a large number of guns, machine guns and much war material.

There has been considerable artillery activity and fights in the air.

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### WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., March 1.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and possibly snow in the eastern portion. Thursday fair with rising temperature.

### Local Weather Report.

Highest temperature yesterday 47  
Lowest temperature last night 36  
Highest temperature same date year ago 49  
Lowest temperature same date year ago 33

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## THREE KILLED NEAR MUSKOGEE

SCHOOL SERVICE WAGON IS STRUCK BY IRON MOUNTAIN PASSENGER TRAIN.

## HIT AT R. R. CROSSING

As Wagon Crossed Track, Iron Mountain Passenger Train Struck It—Besides Three Dead, One Other Was Seriously Injured.

Muskogee, Okla., March 1.—An Iron Mountain passenger train struck a country school service wagon at a railroad crossing near Inola today, killing three persons, fatally injuring another, and seriously injuring four others.

The dead: J. J. STILES, Driver of the wagon. TILDA REYNOLDS, aged 13. THOMAS CUMMINS, aged 14. Lora Cummins, a sister of Thomas Cummins, was fatally injured.

### SCHOOL LAND IS SOLD AT LAWTON

Lawton, Okla., Feb. 29.—Seventy-one tracts of Comanche county school land were sold Tuesday morning at the east door of the county court house by D. W. Peer, auctioneer, in two hours' time, a large number of farmers attending the sale.

G. A. Smith, secretary of the school land department, assisted in conducting the sale, while T. P. McDonnell, superintendent of sales, and Clifton Barefoot, cashier, were busy until late in the afternoon getting the accounts settled.

The seventy-one tracts were sold for \$21,325 more than the appraised value.

Mr. Smith said that the sale was "one of the quickest and best" that he had ever attended. Fifty-six tracts will be offered for sale Wednesday. All school land east of Lawton was withdrawn from the sale by the state on account of oil prospects.

### Dallas Annual Style Show.

Dallas, Tex., March 1.—A floral parade through Dallas' principal thoroughfares was an outstanding event in the annual style show here today. Several hundred automobiles, decorated in competition for cash prizes, were entered in the pageant.

## MILLION IS PAID TO THE NEW HAVEN

NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD GETS MILLION AND QUARTER FROM JOHN J. BILLIARD.

New York, March 1.—The suit brought by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company to recover from John J. Billiard of Meridian, Conn., profits alleged to have been due the New Haven in the Boston & Maine purchase seven years ago, was settled today.

It is stated that Billiard paid over to the New Haven \$1,250,000.

### LEAP YEAR BABY

Mother Born on Leap Year Day Gave Birth to Baby Yesterday.

Independence, Kan., March 1.—The first leap year baby, whose mother was a leap year baby twenty-eight years ago, was born here last night. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gurley.

Some men look into the muzzle of a gun to see if it is loaded, and others fool around married women.

## LATEST NOTE UNSATISFACTORY

GERMANY'S LATEST ASSURANCES ON SUBMARINE WARFARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

## WILL AWAIT CONGRESS

Washington Officials Are Now Waiting for Congress to Show Its Approval of Foreign Policy of Wilson Before Taking Further Steps.

Washington, March 1.—Germany's latest assurances on the conduct of her submarine warfare, as presented by Ambassador Bernstorff Monday, are not so broad as the United States desires.

It is indicated that no further steps may be taken until the administration is certain that its action will not be embarrassed by congress.

Assurances reiterated in the latest note are regarded as not so complete as those originally offered, and pending the Lusitania agreement will not be finally accepted as satisfactory now.

### America to Stand Pat.

Washington, March 1.—Results of the new Austro-German submarine campaign against armed merchant ships of the entente allies beginning at midnight last night are awaited by the United States with grave concern.

The United States stands at this time, as it has always done, for the right of American citizens to travel with safety on defensively armed ships. If the German contentions are sustained, however, and it is proved conclusively that a ship upon which an American may be injured, used defensive armament for purposes of offense, it is considered unlikely that this government will take any action. It never has contended that ships committing attacks or other offensive acts or under orders to so conduct themselves are immune from summary destruction.

### Thornaby First Victim.

London, March 1.—The British steamer Thornaby of 1,100 tons, is reported sunk. All members of the crew are believed to have been killed or drowned. The Thornaby was the first ship reported sunk since the new German campaign became effective at midnight last night.

## NEGRO STRUCK WHITE WOMAN WITH PISTOL

OFFICERS CALLED TO HIGHLIGHT SCHOOL TODAY TO ARREST NEGRO FOR HITTING WHITE WOMAN OVER THE HEAD.

U. S. Deputy Marshal Hightight received a telephone message from near his home northeast of the city this afternoon stating that a negro had hit Mrs. Jim Payne on the head with a six-shooter and inflicted a dangerous wound and asking him to send an officer.

Mr. Hightight reported the affair to the sheriff's office and a couple of men were sent to the neighborhood after the negro. Dr. Hardy was summoned to attend the wounded woman.

It has been but a few days ago since a serious shooting affray took place, in which Dr. Payne's family were nearly all more or less severely injured, and Mr. Hightight in his remarks today advocated some drastic measures to restore order in that community.

From what was learned, the wound of Mrs. Payne inflicted by the negro's gun, is serious, and may lead to complications that may prove fatal.

Read The Ardmoreite want ads.

## WILSON LEADERS TO BRING END TO AGITATION IN CONGRESS

ADMINISTRATION LEADERS SAY IT IS BEING PICTURED ABROAD THAT COUNTRY DOES NOT SUPPORT WILSON'S STAND.

Administration Leaders Plan to Force Hand of Those Opposing President's Foreign Policy, and Statement is Made that Negotiations With Germany Cannot be Continued Under Present Conditions—Plan of Wilson and Supporters to Bring out the Anti-Administration Bills in the House and Defeat them, Which Will Probably be Taken up Tomorrow—Germany's Latest Submarine Assurances Not So Broad as United States Desires and Not so Complete as Those Originally Offered by Germany—No Further Steps May be Taken Until the Washington Administration is Assured that it Will Not be Embarrassed by Congressional Action.

## WOLF TONES OF SHAMROCK TO CELEBRATE

ISSUE INVITATIONS TO THEIR BIG ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION, MARCH 17 IN ONLY EXCLUSIVE IRISH TOWN.

Caed mille failthe. (One thousand welcomes)

Above is the motto adorning a green embossed card, inviting Colonel Sidney Suggs and several others of The Ardmoreite force to a Big St. Patrick's Day celebration to be given at Shamrock, Okla., under the auspices of the Wolf Tones.

Now, many will wonder who this fellow Wolf Tone was, but if they will take the time to consult a little history, obtainable in the encyclopedia, they will discover that Thornobald Wolf Tone made great noise in Ireland about 125 years ago. Needless to say, his energies were directed then, as his descendants' have ever since, toward throwing off the yoke of England and giving Ireland a chance of self-government. With English bayonets all about him, there was little chance for his schemes to succeed at the time, but the agitation began by him and his compatriots resulted more than a century after in the dawn of the desire of all Irishmen—that of home rule in Ireland—which was about to be realized when the great European war broke out and put an end for the time being to further negotiations. Wolf Tone endeavored to induce Napoleon to land a force in Ireland, which was also unsuccessful, although he entered the French army and served valiantly until taken a prisoner in a naval engagement off the coast of Ireland. He was tried and convicted by an English judge and court and sentenced to hang Nov. 12, 1795. Although claiming the right as a soldier to die by the musket instead of the noose, his request was denied and he committed suicide the night before he was to have been hanged.

To commemorate the memory of this patriot is the intent of the Wolf Tone societies throughout the world, wherever Irishmen can be found. The officers of the newly organized society at Shamrock reads like a list from the roll book of the clan as given, for instance: President, Patrick Clancy; vice-president, Michael O'Neill; secretary, P. J. Sullivan; treasurer, Frank Gleason.

Evidently there will be something doing in the little town of Shamrock on March 17. Everything will be of emerald green, and even yellow gold money will be barred on that date.

### New Receiving Teller.

Charles Rogers entered the employ of the Guaranty State bank this morning as receiving teller. Mr. Rogers is an expert accountant, and is a man who is well known to most of the customers of the bank.

The Guaranty State is enjoying a good business, and it is selecting with much care the men it is putting in to take care of the extra business.

Washington, D. C., March 1.—Because the congressional dissensions on the United States armed ship policy are being put to "industrious use" in European capitals, President Wilson and the administration leaders made plans at a conference today to bring to an immediate end the agitation in congress with a demonstration of unity to convince Germany that the American congress stands behind the foreign policy of the American government.

President Wilson reiterated to the leaders that the dissensions are being pictured abroad as evidence that this country does not support the president in his policy for observance of the laws of nations and humanity and that his negotiations with Germany cannot be continued under present conditions.

Plans were framed to bring out the anti-administration resolutions in the house and defeat them. This probably will be taken up tomorrow.

The house leaders are today drafting for consideration of the house a measure proposing that congress express confidence in the president's handling of the armed merchantmen controversy and recognizing that it is not a matter of legislative but executive concern.

### Want Vote of Confidence.

Washington, March 1.—President Wilson decided Tuesday that he can not proceed with the German submarine negotiations while dissension in congress weakens his position before the world, so he called for a showdown on the pending proposals to warn Americans off merchant ships of the belligerents armed for defense.

Making it clear that he considers the president and not congress, is charged with the conduct of the foreign relations of the United States, he wrote a letter to Representative Poon, acting chairman of the house rules committee, asking him to provide parliamentary means for bringing the agitation out into the open on the floor of the house for full discussion and vote.

Later he summoned Senator Stone and Representative Flood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, and Senator Kern, majority leader in the senate, for a conference at the White House today at which he requested that one of the various pending resolutions be acted upon in both houses.

Administration leaders working steadily for the last week strengthening their lines and counting on the support of the republicans, are now so sure of their position that they plan to end all agitation with a vote of confidence in the president.

### Going After Good Ideas.

J. W. Krueger, president of the Merchants' Association, Dave Dauba, the chairman of the board of directors, and J. E. Hamilton, member of the board, are in Dallas taking in the Spring Style Show, with a view to getting suggestions to make the Ardmore Spring Show a great success.

A meeting will be held on their return, and all merchants given the benefit of their investigations.

What Bryan loves and delights in, is a defenseless country—one that any little pee-wee nation can insult with impunity.